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SUBJECT: INDOCHINESE REFUGEES - DIEP NANG NHO AND FAMILY

REF : STATE 042914, TAIPEI 1216

SUMMARY: DIEP NANG NHO'S NAME HAS BEEN LOCATED UNDER THE
FILE OF HIS WIFE, QUAN MY BANH, WHO APPLIED FOR REFUGEE
STATUS IN OCTOBER 1975 AND LISTED HER NAME AS HEAD OF
FAMILY ON THE APPLICATION. BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE HAVE
BEEN INTERVIEWED SEPARATELY ON VARIOUS OCCASIONS AND
ADVISED THAT THEIR FAMILY IS INELIGIBLE FOR REFUGEE STATUS.
DETAILS OF THE CASE FOLLOW. END SUMMARY.

1. THE DIEP FAMILY CONSISTS OF HUSBAND, WIFE, THREE DAUGHTERS,
ONE SON, TWO SISTERS AND ONE COUSIN. ALL LIVE TOGETHER
AND CLAIM TO HAVE LEFT VIETNAM BY FISHING BOAT IN AUGUST 1975
AND ARRIVED IN TAIWAN SEPTEMBER 17, 1975. DIEP NANG NHO
HAS TWO BROTHERS WHO WERE ADMITTED INTO THE U.S. AS INDEFINITE
REFUGEES. ONE BROTHER, DIEP NANG NGHIA, RESIDES AT 1503 S.
SECOND ST., TUCUMCARI, NEW MEXICO 88401 AND THE OTHER,
DIEP QUANG NANG, LIVES AT 703 BUNKER HILL, APT. 15,
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012. QUAN MY BANH HAS A U.S. CITIZEN
AUNT, MOO YIN AU, RESIDING AT 1628 W. WISCONSIN AVE.,
MILWAUKEE, WISCONSIN 53233.

2. THE DIEP FAMILY ARE OVERSEAS CHINESE AND SPEAK
MANDARIN. THEY LISTED FINANCIAL RESOURCES IN TAIWAN AS U.S.
DOLS 30,000 IN CASH AND DOLS 40,000 IN JEWELLERY, SECURITIES,
ETC. THEY WERE ADVISED THAT EVEN THOUGH THEY HAVE RELATIVES
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IN THE UNITED STATES, THEIR IMMEDIATE FAMILY IS

TOGETHER HERE IN TAIWAN AND THEY APPEAR CAPABLE OF RESETTLING IN THIS COUNTRY; THEREFORE, THEY CANNOT BE CONSIDERED AS REFUGEES UNDER THE CURRENT RESTRICTED GUIDELINES. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT THEY MIGHT CHOOSE TO QUALIFY FOR REGULAR IMMIGRATION TO THE U.S. IF THEY DID NOT CARE TO SETTLE IN TAIWAN, AND BOTH HUSBAND AND WIFE HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY BRIEFED ON IMMIGRATION PROCEDURES. (ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS AS THEY HAVE HABITUALLY APPEARED FOR INTERVIEWS SEPARATELY A FEW DAYS APART).

3. ONE DAUGHTER, DIEP BUU SON, IS REPORTED TO BE SUFFERING FROM ACUTE LEUKEMIA AND BEING TREATED LOCALLY AT THE CENTRAL CLINIC OF TAIPEI. PARENTS CLAIM THAT SHE CANNOT OBTAIN THE NECESSARY CARE HERE IN TAIWAN AND HAVE REQUESTED THAT THEY BE ALLOWED TO TAKE THE CHILD TO UCLA HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES FOR FURTHER TREATMENT. THEY WERE ADVISED THAT SPECIAL ARRANGEMENTS MIGHT BE MADE TO HAVE THE CHILD TRANSFERRED TO A HOSPITAL IN THE U.S. ON A HUMANITARIAN NON-IMMIGRANT VISA, BUT THAT IT WOULD REQUIRE DOCUMENTED PROOF OF THE ILLNESS AND VERIFICATION THAT ADEQUATE TREATMENT COULD NOT BE OBTAINED LOCALLY. THEY WERE ALSO ADVISED THAT EVEN IF THE CHILD WERE TO RECEIVE TREATMENT IN THE U.S., THE ENTIRE FAMILY WOULD NOT QUALIFY TO ENTER THE U.S. AS NONIMMIGRANTS SINCE THEY OBVIOUSLY ARE INTENDING IMMIGRANTS. TO DATE NO MEDICAL REPORT HAS BEEN RECEIVED CONCERNING THE CHILD'S ILLNESS, RATHER A COMMERCIAL TELEGRAM WAS RECEIVED FROM STEPHEN MERKATX IRC, 3440 WILSHIR BLVD., SUITE 704, LOS ANGELES, CA., STATING THAT WORD HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM A TAIPEI PHYSICIAN REQUESTING THAT THE CHILD RECEIVE TREATMENT AT UCLA HOSPITAL.

4. DURING MR. DIEP'S LAST INTERVIEW HE REQUESTED THAT HE BE ALLOWED TO ENTER THE UNITED STATES AS A STUDENT AND SAID HE WAS PREPARED TO OBTAIN AN APPROVED I-20 FOR ACCEPTANCE INTO A U.S. UNIVERSITY. HE WAS ADVISED THAT AT HIS PRESENT AGE (47 YEARS OLD) IT WAS UNLIKELY THAT HE COULD QUALIFY FOR A STUDENT VISA ESPECIALLY SINCE HE HAD NO ESTABLISHED ROOTS HERE IN TAIWAN AND WAS OBVIOUSLY AN INTENDING IMMIGRANT. ONCE AGAIN IT WAS SUGGESTED TO HIM THAT IF HE HAD SUCH A

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DESIRE TO GO TO THE UNITED STATES THAT HE SHOULD SERIOUSLY CONSIDER IMMIGRATING WITH HIS FAMILY AND THAT STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO QUALIFY FOR EITHER LABOR CERTIFICATION OR INVESTOR EXEMPTION.

5. CONGRESSMAN LUJAN INTERESTED.
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